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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 10/519,840 :  
FILED: JULY 1, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2621  
FOR: ENCODING DEVICE, ENCODING :  
METHOD, DECODING DEVICE,  
AND DECODING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.